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Chief of Mission, Frankfurt
Attention: Pullach/Walter
Chief, EE

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OV C's Plans for "I"

Ref- POLA-1465, 1466

1. We appreciate your attention to nine OV's incredible plans for "I" in the bid. As you know, "I", a man of some repute, has been reported, since the war, by a variety of sources as working for the British, Russians, Americans, Germans and the Israeli.

2. The following references from the 'recent past' as requested:

a. MIV 2216, dated 7 November 1950, and evaluated B-3: There are indications that "I" may have contact with Johann SANITZER who is now working for the Soviets in the Soviet Zone of Germany. This contact with SANITZER may work through the wife of Walter PRUCH, long-time friend of SANITZER and his co-worker in the Gestapo-Leitstelle in Vienna during the war. PRUCH is now being held in the Landesgericht, Vienna I.

b. WASA 419, from two sources, dated 13 April 1951 and evaluated B-3: "I" is interested in obtaining the release of Olrich KUHLA, who was arrested in Salzburg in February 1951. "I" is also trying to have him transferred to the Graz Landesgericht, since Mr. Viktor ALTMANN has a good deal of influence there. "I" is reported to have told his former HITLER (sic) associates that he has repeatedly refused offers to work for the Soviets. He is frequently visited by Lemi PRUCH, wife of Walter PRUCH.

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WAF-1002, dated 17 May 1952: The former V-5XO reports "X" is now working for Israeli Intelligence.

LAVA-205, dated 17 October 1952 and evaluated 2-3: An American officer and "X" are planning to smuggle large quantities of uranium to a satellite country. It is reported that certain Egyptian citizens are involved; the uranium is said to be in Germany. "X" resides in Salzburg at the address given in para 1 of LVA 1466. It is believed that he is working for the Americans, Russians, and Germans. He has no personal political convictions and will work for anybody who will pay him.

ASA 194, information dated 29 September 1952, and evaluated C-3 (from WASH's source 22-3): "X", now residing in Salzburg, is directing an intelligence group working for Viktor LITVIN (born 7 Mar 1900 in Vienna, former Austrian citizen now a British Subject; has changed name to McALLAN; resides in London W5. McALLAN is said to have left the service of British Intelligence, for which he worked during the war, for Israeli Intelligence. "X" was arrested at the end of the war for high-treason. He is suspected of working for both Soviet Intelligence and the British.

3. We doubt that the British have fallen prey to his charms owing to their thorough knowledge of the man and his weaknesses. We can only worry about his Soviet connections. As you probably know, the Soviets made an abortive attempt to kidnap "X" during the immediate post-war period in Austria. In view, however, of his professional reputation and rumored impoverishment, "X" probably has sold his services on his own terms to a number of customers.

4. "Y's" recommendation of "X" as one of the "ablest of the GTF operatives" is subject to interpretation; a misconception perhaps derived from X's embroiled tales of wartime triumphs. In retrospect, after careful study of comprehensive interrogations of "X" and his colleagues, we have uncovered evidence that "X's" successes were not his but, in reality, the work of his principal agent, who is believed to have been a Soviet-controlled double agent. While it is not known whether I was aware of the Soviet connections of his principal agent, we know that he made no apparent effort to check his agent's bona fides. In fact, "X" did not control but was controlled by his agent.

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5. We realize that POB's powers of persuasion are limited. But, we hope you will point out the hazards and futility of developing this connection. GVC should know that "I" is completely "blown", uncontrollable, and over-rated. Above all please make it clear to V 12052 that we do not want "I's" intelligence unless GVC is willing to establish his identity in every case on every report submitted.

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